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Naoyuki Kohno et al.

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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115

MS Amendment/Response
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed on December 8, 2009; filed herewith is a RCE being timely filed as Monday, February 8, 2010 through Thursday, February 11, 2010, is considered to be a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21(b) because the USPTO was closed during this period for severe weather conditions.

Prior to examination on the merits, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application based on the following remarks:

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